



Standard  
gymnastics...



It's usually  
just the same  
bullshit, but...





...Swimming  
is an exception  
though, huh!

*Chapter 19 : Anything Goes*





S-Sorry...

Getting  
so hyped  
up...

Are  
you both  
idiots?

I've just  
been resting  
the entire  
time last  
month, so...



The feeling  
you get soaking  
yourself in  
lukewarm water  
is really nice

Moreso, it's  
neither too hot  
nor too cold  
for this kind  
of season

I just didn't  
think it would  
be this huge  
and pretty

It's my  
first time  
at the  
school's pool

**THAT  
FEELING'S  
NOT NICE  
AT ALL!**



**EVERY-  
BODY  
LINE UP!**

**OKAY,  
OKAY!**













T. Note: Geta are the shoes he's wearing

These aren't  
"just" geta.

WHAT  
ARE YOU WITH THOSE  
PLANNING  
TO DO?

WHAT'S  
ARE YOU WITH THOSE  
GETA?!

FUJIOKA  
ANBU!

*These are  
iron geta.*



...other  
than to  
study?



What for,  
that...!

A-  
AH?!



Is there  
any other  
reason for  
a man to  
put on iron  
gates...

T. Note: Hiss... makes more "to pursue knowledge desired"



COME  
WITH ME  
TO THE  
STAFF  
ROOM  
NOW!

ABOUT  
THAT, YOU  
HAVE BEEN  
TALKING  
FOR AN  
ENTIRE  
WEEK.



I CONSID-  
ERED IT  
BEFORE,  
BUT NOW  
I HAVE A  
PROBLEM  
WITH THAT  
ATTITUDE OF  
YOURS!



One  
week...



W-  
WAIT!



Sasori  
definitely  
said that.

As she  
recovers



I expect  
that some-  
thing will  
happen...

And  
today is  
the one  
week  
since  
then.

...I'll  
leave  
it in your  
hands for  
another  
week!

...That  
life of  
yours...

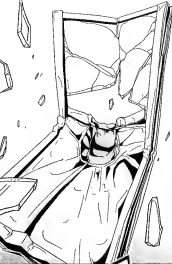


DID  
YOU  
HEAR  
ME?!

HEY!









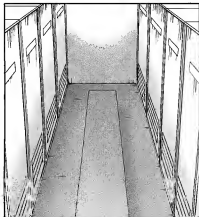








Sign: Girls' Change Room





Well if I don't hurry and take my supplementary lessons...

They must've returned really early then.



Nobody is here...



I'm still worried.

Even if I left Tajima-san in Oku-san's care...



I need to quickly hurry on back.



When I'm done,







*Go see  
if you can  
swim to the  
other side.*

*Fifty  
metres.*



*Instead  
of learning  
it, just get  
used to it!*



**Far..!**

**F-**



It's okay  
if we work  
on your form  
afterwards

People  
originally  
were built  
to be able  
to float,  
thus...



Okay?

Don't  
touch the  
bottom with  
your feet  
as much as  
possible



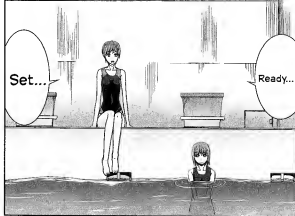
I'll try  
it out.

Okay.



These  
are the  
basics.

...Don't think  
of anything  
else, and for  
the meanwhile,  
just focus on  
getting to the  
other side



Set...

Ready...



I'll be  
able to  
leave.

If I can  
swim  
these 50  
meters  
for now,



To the  
other  
side...

Anyways,  
I want to be  
the fastest swimmer  
in the world.

Don't  
think of  
anything  
else

What  
is the  
sound?

Then...



GO!



This  
is bad!

I'm really  
sinking!

ACK-



Eh?



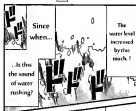
and also  
adjust my  
breathing—

I'd better  
just rest  
my legs  
for now.

...can't  
reach?!

My  
legs...







*You'll be  
at ease  
soon...*



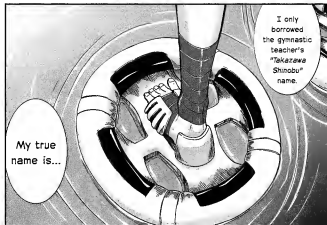
TAKA-  
ZAWA-  
SENSEI  
IS...

COULD  
IT BE..!



YOU'RE  
STAND-  
ING ON  
WATER...?!

Y-



My true  
name is...

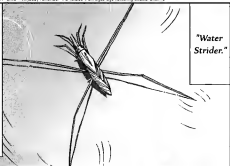
I only  
borrowed  
the gymnastic  
teacher's  
"Takazawa  
Shinobu"  
name.

Amenbo,  
or Water  
Strider.



*Seven: Great! Anybody remember the Toxids from ages ago featuring Jackie Chan-ya?*

An  
aquatic  
insect  
classified  
under the  
Hemiptera  
order and  
Heteroptera  
suborder.



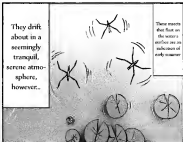
"Water  
Strider."

...As far  
as this  
insect is  
concerned,  
water...

...is  
but only  
a trap.

They drift  
about in a  
seemingly  
tranquil,  
serene atmo-  
sphere,  
however...

These insects  
also float on  
the water's  
surface as an  
indicator of  
early summer



...And can completely freely move about on the water's surface without sinking

However, water striders can utilize the surface tension of the fine hairs on the front of their legs coated with fats,

If they were to fall into water, they would not be able to move, and their escape is no longer an easy task.

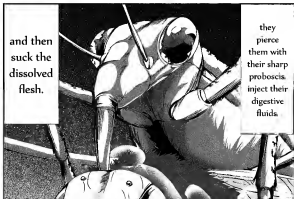
For insects that are relatively lightweight, water is the same material as slime to them.

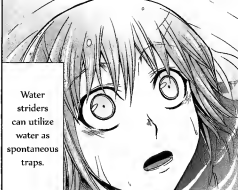


Approaching their prey quite easily,

and then suck the dissolved flesh.

they pierce them with their sharp proboscis, inject their digestive fluids





Water  
striders  
can utilize  
water as  
spontaneous  
traps.

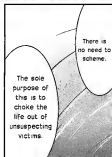
It is  
different  
than an  
arachnid  
that produces  
traps for  
themselves  
making use  
of threads.



*They are  
a ferocious  
predator.*

They  
were also  
endowed with  
cunningness  
that surpasses  
that of an  
arachnid's.







Fujii-san.

You are honestly a good child.

*Before your "concentration" switches on, you know?*



it's rather heart-breaking that I have to lay my hands on a student, however....

Somehow or another, me being a teacher,





*anything  
goes.*



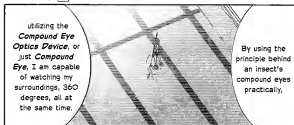
*If we're  
talking about  
getting 200  
million Yen,*



*—*

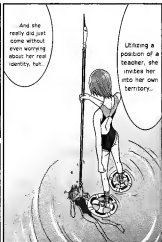


## アラクニド 4





*...It is  
impossible  
for me to  
miss it.*





**Fujii  
Alice?!**

...Are  
you done  
already,

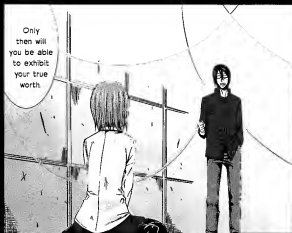


Under-  
stood,  
Alice?



Always  
stretch your  
threads within  
the atmo-  
sphere.







*...Threads  
are powerless  
inside water.*

*Remember  
this well.*

ARACHNID

A close-up photograph of a bouquet of flowers. Several pink roses are in various stages of bloom, surrounded by a dense cloud of small white flowers, likely baby's breath. The background is dark and out of focus.

## Arachnid

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